Effect of flying supersonic jets on pilots health

47. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a supersonic fighter jet exposes the pilot to Dynamic Gravitation Force which decrease blood pressure in the head which can result in loss of vision, blackouts etc.;

(b) if so, whether the Air Force is thinking of some advanced training where the supersonic jet pilots will learn how to handle such a situation while air-borne; and

(c) whether Air Force have developed matching combat capabilities in view of the high profile Air Force operating in our neighbouring countries?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE). (a) The pilot/aircrew of supersonic fighter jets are subjected to acceleration forces(G) during certain air combat manoeuvres/aerobatics. This can lead to decreased perfusion of blood to the eyes and brain which in turn causes tunneling of vision, black out or loss of consciousness.

(b) The pilots of the Indian Air Force are trained adequately at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine, Bangalore and are taught to counter acceleration forces due to gravity. The pilots wear an anti 'G' suit which also provides additional protection against acceleration due to gravity.

(c) The capabilities of Indian Air Force pilots to combat the ill effects of these accelerative forces during air combat manoeuvres/aerobatics are at par with those of out neighbouring/other countries.

Poor condition of transport fleet of IAF

†48. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the transport aircraft of Air Force which are engaged in transporting military equipments and other supplies

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to the Indian Army deployed at a borders of China in North-East to Siachin in Kashmir are out of order due to lack of accessories and maintenance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when these aircrafts will be repaired; and

(d) by when the transport fleet of Air Force is likely to be modernized?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) Repair, Maintenance and Modernisation of transport fleet of the Air Force is a continuous process and appropriate measures are taken as and when required.

Report of GOM on one-rank-one-pension

†49. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Group of Ministers constituted to consider the issue related to 'One rank one pension' has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report;

(c) the decision taken by Government on this report; and

(d) if not, by when the report is likely to be submitted by the Group of Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The Group of Ministers, after deliberations, has finalised its recommendation. The decision of the Cabinet is awaited.

Talks with Hurriyat Ieaders

50. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister reopened the stalled talks with Hurriyat

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